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B.T. scales of pay to Hindi pandits.

* 210 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the qualifications prescribed for Hindi pandits in order to make them eligible for B.T. scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Hindi teachers will be eligible for B.T. scales of pay under the following circumstances :—

(1) They should possess the minimum general educational qualification; S.S.L.C. completed.

(2) They should hold an oriental title in Hindi;

(3) they should have received the Pracharak training; and

(4) they should be in charge of Forms IV to VI of High schools and should have worked for not less than 17 hours a week."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that the Pracharak Diploma has been recognized to be equivalent to the Visharad Diploma of the Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachar Sabha, will the Government kindly see that those who have obtained the Visharad Diploma and who possess a general qualification of S.S.L.C. and who have had some teacher training (though not like the Pracharak training) are given the B.T. scale of pay? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These are the prescribed qualifications now. If there are any other alternative suggestions which the hon. Member wishes to make, he may put them in writing and send them to me for scrutiny and examination."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I submit that this matter of qualification and pay of Hindi pandits has been discussed again and again on the floor of the House, and may I request the Government to go into the whole question and see that this Pracharak Diploma course which is not a mere training course, but a combined general and training course is not insisted on and separate schools are started for training Hindi pandits just as is done in the case of Tamil and Sanskrit pandits to render justice to these Hindi teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I may confess that I am not conversant with this diploma course and what is contained in it. But as the hon. Member himself said, this matter has been examined by Government repeatedly and I do not think there is need for further examination."

Number of basic elementary schools in Tanjore district.

* 211 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of basic elementary schools in the Tanjore district;